

VOTE - Voter Outreach Through Education
Washington Secretary of State

**UNITED STATES AND WORLD CURRICULUM GRADES 8-12
STUDENT HANDOUT, LESSON 2**

THEME: WHO SAYS POLITICS CAN'T BE FUN?

ACTIVITY:

First, read these four quotes:

- "...governments are instituted [created] among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." (Declaration of Independence)
- "There is no happiness without liberty, no liberty without self-government..." (The Federalist Papers, introduction by Clinton Rossiter)
- "The cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy." (President Woodrow Wilson)
- "The science of government is my duty to study...that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy." (President Thomas Jefferson)

Notice that these quotes all allude to the partnership between active citizenship and democracy.

Create a banner, slogan, campaign theme, or bumper sticker that either captures that partnership or that restates one of the four in more contemporary terms. (e.g. "Democracy: Use it or lose it.")

The options for what medium to use for presentation to the class will be explained to you.

Here's your chance to be creative and, just maybe, be quoted by students in the next century!